

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 538  
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A RESOLUTION to urge the United States Department of Energy to renew annual assistance payments to the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

WHEREAS, in 1942, the world was at war, and a small valley in East Tennessee was chosen to play a significant role in ending World War II as one of the sites for the now historic Manhattan Project; and

WHEREAS, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, a city born of war, living for peace and growing through science, is a mecca for research and technological innovations that are vital to the economic growth of our country and the public safety of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oak Ridge has over the years faced unique circumstances due to the presence of federal facilities in the city, which have greatly inhibited its efforts to become self-sufficient; and

WHEREAS, the Atomic Energy Community Act of 1955 authorizes the Department of Energy to provide annual assistance payments to communities that have been impacted by the presence of Department of Energy facilities; and

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WHEREAS, the City of Oak Ridge has submitted an application to the United States Department of Energy for the renewal of annual assistance payments under the Atomic Energy Community Act of 1955; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly strongly feels that the renewal of annual assistance payments to the City of Oak Ridge is important to all the citizens of Tennessee and in the public interest; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby strongly urge the United States Department of Energy to renew annual assistance payments to the City of Oak Ridge pursuant to the Atomic Energy Community Act of 1955.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be prepared and sent to the United States Secretary of Energy and to each member of Tennessee's Congressional delegation.